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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

HOLMES et al.

Serial No.: 08/483,574

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Atty. File No.: 2657-21-3

For: "EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD  
PROCESSING METHODS  
AND APPARATUS"

Group Art Unit: 3308

Examiner: K. O.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action dated June 21, 1996 (Paper No. 4), the  
Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-  
identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner took the  
position that Claims 1-14 (Group I), Claims 15-25 (Group II),  
Claims 26-30 (Group III), and Claims 31-33 (Group IV) were distinct  
inventions.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement and  
provisionally elect Claims 1-14 (Group I). All pending claims  
generally relate to extracorporeal blood processing, and even more  
specifically to a blood processing vessel for a disposable for  
such blood processing. Applicants believe that the "independent"  
requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 121 has not been satisfied in this case.  
Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and  
withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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